(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) Presently, 25 Weavers' Service Centres (WSCs) are functioning in the country with an objective to develop new designs, product innovations, to render technical assistance and imparting training to the weavers/exporters/designers/manufacturers etc. in the field of designing, weaving and dyeing/printing etc. These Centres are located at Delhi, Merrut, Panipat, Chamoli, Jaipur, Varanasi, Srinagar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Salem, kancheepuram, Kannur, Bangalore, Mumbai, Nagpur, Indore, Raigarh, Ahmedabad, Guwahati, Kolkata, Bhagalpur, Bhubneshwar, Imphal and Agartala.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) In the State of Tamil Nadu, 03 Weavers, Service Centres are functioning at Chennai, Salem and Kancheepuram. Each Centre has it's area of jurisdiction. The technical requirements of the weavers/exporters/designers/manufacturers etc. of Madurai are taken care of by WSC, Chennai.

Adverse effect of Chinese garments

2421. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chinese garments sold in Indian markets have adversely affected the Indian Textile Industry; and

(b) if so, how Government propose to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) Chinese garments are sold in Indian market at a competitive price as China has certain edge over India in respect of infrastructure, raw material costs, tariff structure, power-rates, etc. However, the import of Chinese garments into the country has posed no considerable threat to the domestic industry as no complaint has been received from the Indan Textile Industry in this regard. India's import of garments from Chira in 2004-05 has actually declined to Rs. 22 crore from Rs. 23 crore in 2003-04.